



Saguaro National Park (East)

Naturalist Program Schedule

Programs meet at the Rincon Mountain Visitor Center, 3693 S. Old Spanish Trail. Program schedules are subject to change. Call the visitor center at (520) 733-5153 for updates or to make *RESERVATIONS*.

*Programs marked with an * are wheelchair accessible.*

April 5 – April 11, 2010

Monday, April 5

10:00 a.m. Sonoran Lifestyles

Join a park naturalist on this 2-hour, 1-mile walk to discover how plants and animals adapt to life in the desert. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

11:00 a.m. Desert Adaptations*

Join a park naturalist on this 30-minute garden walk to learn how plants have unique ways of adapting to their desert environment.

Tuesday, April 6

9:00 a.m. Desert Morning Hike

Join a park naturalist for this 3-hour, 4-mile exploration of Saguaro National Park. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring water and a trail snack.

10:00 a.m. Natural History Table*

Join a park naturalist on the visitor center patio to have your questions answered about the natural history of the Sonoran Desert. This is an on-going, 30-minute program.

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2:30 p.m. Reptiles and Amphibians of the Sonoran Desert*

Join park naturalist Bob Brandner for this 30-minute presentation to discover the fascinating world of reptiles and amphibians.

Wednesday, April 7

9:00 a.m. Desert Morning Hike

Join a park naturalist for this 3-hour, 4-mile exploration of Saguaro National Park. Wear sturdy hiking shoes and bring water and a trail snack.

10:00 a.m. Desert Discovery

Join a park naturalist on this 2-hour, 2-mile walk to discover the secrets of the Sonoran Desert. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

11:00 a.m. What's for Dinner?

Join a ranger on this 2-hour walk to learn what the local wildlife dines on in the desert.

3:00 p.m. Desert Adaptations*

Join a park naturalist on this 30-minute garden walk to learn how plants have unique ways of adapting to their desert environment.

Thursday, April 8

10:00 a.m. What's for Dinner?

Join a ranger on this 2-hour walk to learn what the local wildlife dines on in the desert.

3:00 p.m. Desert Adaptations*

Join a park naturalist on this 30-minute garden walk to learn how plants have unique ways of adapting to their desert environment

7:00 p.m. Star Party*

Join park naturalists for an introduction to astronomy and a look at the desert night sky. Telescopes and binoculars will be available. *This program is wheelchair accessible*

Friday, April 9

8:00 a.m. Desert Bird Walk

Join volunteer naturalists Vicki Powers and Ralph Terry for an easy 2-hour walk in search of desert birds. Wear comfortable walking shoes and bring water.

9:00 a.m. Sacred Water

Even the mere possibility that water *might* be found (especially in the desert) has fueled humans for eons. Join a park ranger on a 2 ½-hour hike to find out more about the myriad ways humans have harnessed this precious resource to make the land work for them in this area.

11:00 a.m. Desert Adaptations*

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Saturday, April 10.

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2:00 p.m. Mean, Green Machines*

This 30-minute garden walk will explore how desert plants, with the simplest of materials and parts, have adapted to life in a harsh land. OR, "Life in the desert is easy if you're Mean and Green!">.

3:00 p.m. Back from the Brink*

What do you mean there were grizzly bears in Arizona? Join a park ranger in the visitor center auditorium to explore the natural history of the grizzly (and 2 other top predators) that once roamed in what is now Saguaro National Park. We will take a look at their past, present and future status in the American Southwest.

Sunday, April 11

10:00 a.m. Park History 101

A hike down memory lane. Join park ranger Arlo Ogden on a two mile, two hour hike to discover some of the unique history of Saguaro National Park.

Trails and topics change weekly.

2:00 p.m. Yesterday, Today and...Saguaro?*

Change is coming to the Cactus Forest and we can't do anything about it! But don't worry – change has been happening here for thousands of years. Come explore the life cycles of the saguaro cactus and the changing face of its Sonoran Desert home on this ¼ mile, 90-minute walk.

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